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Enrollment gains and budget cuts a bad mix

By Melinda Latham
Daily Staff Writer

With record gains in student enrollment, San Jose State University is one California State University campus feeling the crunch of more people and less money. SJSU reported the largest gain in enrollment among CSU schools, adding 2,359 students.

According to information from CSU, the university system again reached record enrollment rates, with 406,896 students enrolled on the opening day of the fall terms at the 23 CSU campuses.

Total enrollment at SJSU is 30,366, making it the fifth largest campus in the CSU system behind Cal State Long Beach, 34,566; San Diego State University, 34,304; Cal State Fullerton, 32,143; and Cal State Northridge, 32,070.

Leon Dorosz, interim associate vice president of enrollment services at SJSU, said the university is following CSU instructions to handle high enrollment.

"The chancellor (Charles B. Reed) has asked the CSU campuses to manage (its) enrollments carefully, so as not to impair quality of instruction, while still doing (its) best to accommodate increasing numbers of students," he said.

In a Nov. 5 press conference, SJSU President Robert Caret said the gain of students, in conjunction with a shrinking CSU budget, presents problems.

"What's happening now is not good because of a very bad budget and a very large enrollment," Caret said.

The influx of people to the SJSU campus has already created strain for some students. Alysia Kenney, a senior marketing major, said some of her classes were feeling the effects of high enrollment.

"I have a couple of classes that are way too crowded," she said. "It puts some students at a disadvantage because they can't get individual attention."

Leta Brown, a graduate linguistics student, said her department does not seem to be handling the situation.

"A lot of people in our department had trouble getting classes because there were more people than expected," she said. "I think it's frustrating because they don't seem to be increasing class sizes or offering more classes. I don't know how that works."

Some faculty members also expressed concerns about the swelling enrollment. Patricia Baker, chair of the aviation and technology department, said a large number of students could compromise student safety in a laboratory environment.

"There are 30 students in a lab as opposed to 24," she said. "There's safety issues for us, and the students don't get much individual attention."

Issues of education quality and student safety are not the only concerns of Nancie Fimbel, associate dean of the College of Business.

"Since we already have the rooms filled up, (enrollment) isn't going to affect faculty," she said. "It will affect

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Enrollment dates pushed back

*Budget cuts advance
application deadlines*

By Laura Buckingham
Daily Staff Writer

Students hoping to be accepted into San Jose State University for Fall 2003 may want to think about getting started on their applications now.

Impending budget cuts to the California State University system have caused SJSU to follow suit with other CSU campuses by moving up application deadlines by as much as three months.

James Brent, chair of the Academic Senate, said the expected budget cuts from the state have given SJSU no other choice.

"We're not expecting them to pay us what we need to educate all of the students that we anticipate to get next fall," he said.

In the past, SJSU has allowed students to apply as soon as one week before the start of a semester, Brent said.

Last year's deadline of April 1 was the first time a deadline had ever been set, he said.

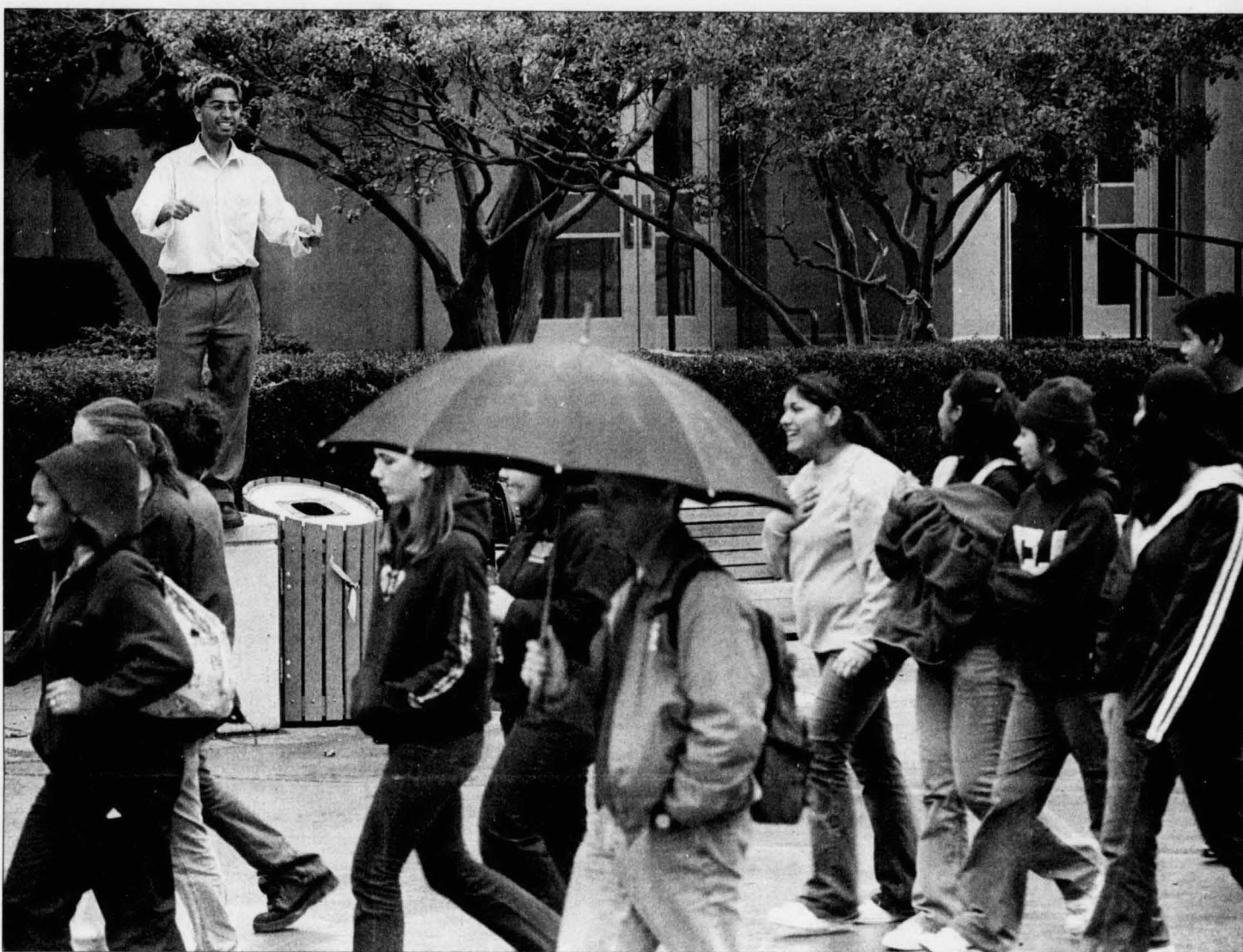
Undergraduate applicants will now face an application deadline of Feb. 1, 2003 to be considered for the fall semester.

Those with lower division transfer status will need to get on the ball even quicker, as their deadline is less than one month away — Dec. 1, 2002.

Leon Dorosz, associate vice president of enrollment services, said the altered dates will benefit students.

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Referendum vote comes to a close



ROBERT PATRICIAN / DAILY STAFF

Akbar Shetty, a marketing and economics major, stands outside the Music building Thursday afternoon, attempting to persuade students to vote against Measure V.

*Despite rain, 'OK' turnout
for Measure V vote*

By Fernando F. Croce
Senior Staff Writer

Despite the gray weather Thursday, many students still turned out at the ballot booths for one last opportunity to vote on Measure V.

"People who are motivated to vote on this issue seem to have come here regardless of the weather," said Christa Huffman at the Clark Library booth.

Huffman, a senior majoring in communications, was one of the two students managing the stand since it opened for voters at 9 a.m.

"It has been an OK turnout, overall," she said. "It peaked at noon ... there was even a line here between 12 and 12:30 p.m."

Though the numbers were not as high as the day before, there was a consistent stream of people braving the rain to voice their concerns, said communications senior Phuung Thang, who manned the booth near the Art building.

"I think the turnout has been really good, especially in-between classes," Thang said. "It has been a nice, steady

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member, Students for Measure V

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Measure V, a proposal by the Student Union to increase student fees to renovate its facilities, was met with both support and opposition in the weeks prior to the voting.

Following previous demonstrations, an area was designed around the voting stands to keep them free of any kind of display, either for or against the measure. That did not stop people such as Akbar Shetty, a market and economics major, who preached against the program in front of the Music building earlier Thursday afternoon.

One of the major concerns on the subject was not merely the number of people showing up, but how familiar students have been with Measure V, Thang said.

"Fortunately, the majority of the voters, a good 90 percent of them, are aware of the measure and know what they are doing," he said.

To make sure students were aware of what the measure involves, several members of the Student Union Board were found distributing pamphlets to passers-by near voting stands.

Huy Tran, a member of the Students for Measure V group that has been distributing pamphlets for four days, said through this process he got a good idea of how familiar students are with both the measure and voting.

"It's a good mix of people who do not know what is going on, and people who do not care," Tran said.

"Despite the rain, people are still showing up," he said. "Wednesday was the biggest turnout day by far, and today was unexpectedly lower. Still, I am delightfully surprised."

Tran said misconceptions spread by other groups about Measure V are what may give students incorrect notions about the program.

"There are a lot of wrong ideas about Measure V floating

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Servin' up seconds



EVAN PARKER / DAILY STAFF

Long Huynh and Ken Seli pass trays to each other as they help with serving and preparing free meals for homeless people at Martha's Kitchen on Willow Street. Huynh and Seli are both members of Alpha Phi Omega, an international service fraternity.

Relationship between aliens, God discussed

*Philosophy forum
ponders divinity and
extraterrestrials*

By Sylvia Lim
Daily Staff Writer

"No, there are no green creatures locked up in Area 51," said one of the speakers invited to discuss extraterrestrial issues Tuesday afternoon.

The San Jose State University's Institute for Social Responsibility, Ethics and Education sponsored a campus forum deliberating the topic "Theology and the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence" in the Auditorium, room 189 in the Engineering building.

Emilio "Chick" D'Arpino, a retired mason who takes classes here and funded the event, said the existence of some form of divinity, or "God," was presupposed, and the panelists worked

from that line of thought onward.

"It was a look at how God is relevant in this discussion," he said.

Three panelists and one moderator were invited to speak at the forum.

D'Arpino said the three panelists had done extensive research and written books in their respective fields.

Ted Peters, a professor of systematic theology at the Pacific Theological Seminary and the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, presented the theological ideas for the forum.

To balance things out, D'Arpino said, he had also invited "his devil's advocate," Michael Shermer, the publisher of Skeptic magazine who has written on the subjects of science and religion.

D'Arpino added that his third speaker, astronomer Seth Shostak, represented the scientific aspect of the discussion.

San Jose Mercury News religion and

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CYNICALLY OPTIMISTIC

Being bombarded by sex gets old really fast

A few friends and I were sitting in Taco Bell the other night, pretending to be deep intellectuals and contemplating life philosophies as so many college students do. I forget exactly how we arrived at the statement, but someone was saying how he heard the comedian Janeane Garofalo quote some philosopher as stating "the absence of creativity is sexuality."

This proclamation stood out from our otherwise banal banter, and I mulled over the thought.

How sadly true it is.

A perfect example: Before it was canceled (thank God), I suffered through an episode of the Fox program "girls club." The show was about three young female lawyers trying to make an impression and live out their dreams of professional and personal success in San Francisco. However, they all had this common disease of thinking that every man wanted them, and they desperately needed sex. For your enjoyment, I've provided some sample dialogue:

Girl 1: That guy totally wants to get with me.

Girl 2: I know, he's like, a total perv. I mean he's so totally gross. Oh, yeah, are you preparing that case file?

Girl 3: All you guys talk about is sex. I'm actually getting some from my ex-boyfriend who I booty-called earlier.

Girl 1: Ohmigod, I am like, sooooo stressed about my deposition, and that creepy guy just icks me out.

Girl 2: You know what I think would help you relax? More sex.

Now that's not an official transcript, but believe me, it captures the essence of this show, and yes, the women were really supposed to be lawyers even though they talked like vacuous valley girls.

What's even worse is that a million other shows and movies out there are just as focused on and obsessed with sex and issues of sexuality. How many times during sweeps have you heard of the "very special episode" featuring a lesbian kiss, or the unexpected hookup, or the mystery baby that resulted from the mysterious sex partner?

It's all very entertaining, that I won't argue with. Sex is a universally intriguing topic, something everyone can relate to in one way or another. However, that's what makes its use in television and movies so noncreative and ultimately void of any true meaning.

If you watch any of the old movies or TV shows, you

know that they weren't going to make some joke about sex or something related. It wasn't allowed. However, they are still funny because they were forced to go beyond what was a sure-fire draw. They had to think outside of sexual parameters and try to find wit and appeal in things besides carnal urges and dirty talk.

In other words, they had to be (gasp!) creative.

As societal mores shifted, people began to open up about sex in general. Sex talk and sexual liberation was something new, something fresh. Filmmakers and producers had the creative freedom to explore formerly taboo subjects, and perhaps at this point, sexuality and creativity could go hand in hand.

However, once the boundaries are broken, you're supposed to go somewhere else unexplored. But sex is one of those topics that simply won't die. It sits around, getting grosser and tackier by the minute.

Soon, you end up with the reeking cesspool of modern entertainment. Instead of finding new subjects to amuse and entertain the masses, we fixate on sex.

Call me old fashioned, but I don't think that men talk-

ing about boobs and women complaining about their pathetic lovers is really that creative or even interesting.

It's even worse when Hollywood's flesh fetish spills outside the screen. We can read in "People" or "US" about which stars are sleeping together, who's marrying, who's divorcing and who's cheating on whom.

If we spied on our neighbors like this, it would border on perversion.

We can't even be creative with our gossip anymore.

If we were to solely base our perception of life on what the entertainment industry offers, the act that creates life is what life is about. And rather than investigating new and daring angles and aspects of existence, sex remains the topic du jour even when the novelty of discussing it in film and television has long since past.

However, there's a glimmer of hope. After all, the supposedly shocking "girls club" was canceled because people can see stupidity through all the sex talk. The sensationalism is getting old. We need something new to challenge our perceptions and entertain us.

Maybe creativity is ready for a comeback.

Melinda Latham is a Spartan Daily Staff Writer.

'Cynically Optimistic' appears occasionally.



MELINDA LATHAM

Letter | A definition for Zionism?

Dear Editor,

In my letter on the Zionism question, printed on Oct. 31, the order of the first three words of the first sentence I wrote were, "is it possible," not "it is possible," which implies a statement that assumes an answer of "Yes" to whatever question follows. The Spartan Daily switched the order of the first two words when they printed it. I was asking a question, not making a statement.

Next to my letter in that issue, Leya Babchin wrote, "A Zionist Jew is someone who believes that the state of Israel should exist." This is no more complete a definition of a Zionist than a definition of a segregationist that claims a segregationist was simply someone who believed the United States should exist. Leya's statement implying that SJSU would "co-sponsor" the incitement of "genocide," and her reference to Hitler was foolish. Her letter also had disturbing racial overtones. She asked those who "aren't Zionist Jews" to "replace the words Zoinist Jew with whatever your

race is." There are Jews who are Zionist and Jews who are non Zionist. However, there are non Jews who are Zionist and non Jews who are non Zionist. Whoever someone is if they believe that being Jewish has a unique racial component to it, and that this particular race should always be in the majority within a nation, are they not racist?

The most difficult problem to solve is the one we're not aware of. Bringing this question out and wrestling with it is one of the nonviolent things we can all do to help resolve a global crisis. I would like to invite everyone in sociology, anthropology, social psychology and all who are reading this to write in with their views. And in particular, those who have been so vocal on issues of racism, ethnocentrism, religious discrimination and arrogance. Educate us. The quality of life we enhance may be our own and our children's.

Bill Flemming
alumnus,
physics

SPARTA GUIDE

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TODAY

SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry
Daily Mass will be held at the SJSU CCM Chapel located at 10th and San Carlos streets next to Robert's Bookstore. Mass times are 12:10 p.m. Monday-Friday and at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Sunday. For more information contact Sister Marcia at 938-1610.

School of Art and Design
The school of art and design will be having student galleries and art exhibitions through Friday. The exhibition will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Art and Industrial Studies buildings. For more information contact Bill or Nicole at 924-4330.

Alpha Phi Omega
Alpha Phi Omega is having a book drive all week at Clark Library, the MOSAIC Multicultural Center, the Student Life Center, the peer health education office and the residence halls. For more information contact Phi Tran at 319-7646.

Student Life Center
Applications are still being accepted for Leadership Today: creating community in a diverse world. Student leaders are invited to sign up for this four-day retreat at Asilomar Retreat Center in Monterey Bay. Retreat dates are Jan. 1-10, 2003. Deadline to apply has been extended to 5 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 8. Applications are available in the Student Life Center and the MOSAIC Multicultural Center. For more information contact Cori at 924-5963.

Counseling Services
Getting along: Communicating in relationships, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Administration building, Room 201. For more information contact Stephanie Burns at 924-5910.

sjspirit.org
Go take a hike from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more location and carpool information contact Chaplain Roger at 605-1687.

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African American Studies Department
Meet Daniel E. Georges-Abeyle: informal evening to discuss changes in the department curriculum. Anyone interested in a major or minor in African American studies should attend. Meeting begins at 7 p.m. in the SJSU Africana center, Modular A (near the 10th Street garage). For more information contact E. Harvie at 924-5871.

International Programs and Services
There will be a study abroad informational meeting at 2 p.m. in the Pacheco room in the Student Union. For more information contact Ali at 94-5931.

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Counseling Services

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Department of Nutrition and Food Science

Try the latest in body fat testing: Bioelectric Impedance. From 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. on Tuesdays and from noon to 1 p.m. on Wednesdays in Central Classroom building, Room 221. For more information, contact Sherry at 206-7599.

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Health Center

Registration for smoking cessation class will be open through Thursday in the Health Center, Room 210. For more information contact Dr. Oscar Battle Jr. at 924-6117.

Anthropology Behavioral Science Club

Lecture by Roberto Gonzalez — Corn & Culture: genetically modified organisms in Oaxaca, Mexico. Lecture begins at 1:30 p.m. in the Pacifica room in the Student Union. For more information contact David Escalante at 971-9783.

Medicine and science need animal experimentation

I am one of those people who love animals. Because of this, I am the neighborhood pet-sitter. I am paid big bucks to make sure Fido and Fluffy get the royal treatment when mom and dad are away.

And I don't disappoint. I'll visit at least twice during the day and often spend the evening playing and conversing with the pet. In fact, my affection for other people's animals has garnished me my own pet. Gus, the cat that stays at my house, actually belongs to the lady who lives three houses away. She comes to check up on him about once a week and laments that he, for some reason, prefers my house. Obviously, animals and I get along.

I am also one of those evil people who believe in animal testing for the benefit of medical research. I say "evil" because I know that there are people who look at the cute, fuzzy mice and bunnies, pigs, dogs and cats that are used in medical research and think that science needs to come to a standstill, and all animals that are currently being used in experiments must be set free.

Of course it's hard for me, as it is for anyone with feelings, to see animals in cages being injected with new drugs, or having medical devices implanted in them.

But what is the alternative? Testing on dead tissue? Trying to get humans to volunteer to be injected with bacteria and then hoping a newly developed antibiotic will work out in their favor?

Medical and scientific advances are heavily dependent on animal testing. Without the use of live animals, researchers would be unable to examine how the medical product being tested reacts with the body as a whole.

For example, let's say a medical device that allows surgeons to graft two veins together more quickly than currently done is being tested. This device, if successful, will cut surgery time. Reducing surgery time is important because, in broad terms, the less time a person is lying on the operating table the better that person's chance of recovery.

If a researcher took two veins out of a pig, put those two veins on a table and used the grafting device successfully, that is a start. The information really needed is how the grafting device works inside the live pig.

Things that would be important to look at would be how the veins heal or what the tissue around the vein does after exposure to the device. In order to do this, the animal usually needs to be euthanized. But these kinds of

observations simply can't be made on dead tissue or a single harvested organ.

The information taken from this animal testing is what enables further research to take place. Without this research, medical and scientific advances would be severely limited.

Now, let's try to envision this process as re-enacted through an extreme animal activists' point of view. Perhaps animal activists would allow testing on creatures that don't have such complex nervous systems. So, a fish would be a good animal to test on, right?

After harvesting veins from a fish, the researcher tries out the grafting device. If the grafting device works, then the next step is to try the device out on a willing human. Who in their right mind would allow a new medical procedure to be used on them after being tested on an animal that is nothing like the human body?

Or, perhaps, animal activists won't allow testing on animals at all, so the device goes straight into a human's body. How the animal activists choose what human that device is tested in would be interesting. Maybe there would be a lottery. Or maybe every extreme animal activist would have to participate in an experiment once a

year.

However the experiments worked out, unless this was a very large extreme animal activists group with nothing to live for, then medicine and science would come to a stop. There would be no testing on AIDS vaccines, no cancer research and no gene therapy.

Basically, every medical challenge that currently faces society would begin to stockpile. Unknown diseases would claim lives because no animal testing could be done to invent a vaccine or antibiotic. Everything from improving childbirth to allowing a comfortable death would be at a standstill. But making sure that all animals are perfectly safe and sound is worth missing out on information that could save you or someone close to you from a debilitating disease, right?

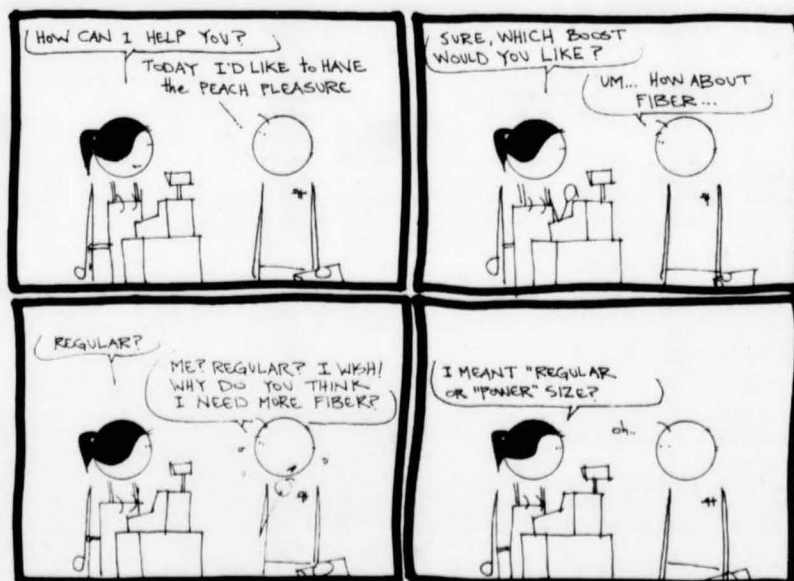
I love animals, but I think elevating the value of an animal's life to the level of a human's life is wrong. Medicine, science and research go hand in hand. Animal testing might not be pleasant, but it's necessary.

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Low turnout for brown bag scholarship luncheon

By Kristin Schwarz
Daily Staff Writer

Despite being opened up to all students, only 15 people attended a seminar on getting scholarships and financial aid on Thursday in the MOSAIC Multicultural Center.

The brown bag lecture was sponsored by Alpha Phi Omega, a multicultural, co-ed and service-oriented fraternity.

President Phi Tran said the majority of attendees were from the fraternity, and they earned service hours toward their community service requirement while they listened to the presentation.

Tran said she has been the recipient of 10 scholarships over the course of her collegiate career.

San Jose State University scholarship coordinator Maureen Evans gave a 45-minute talk about how to apply for and get scholarships and financial aid.

She included information about filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, commonly called FAFSA.

Evans brought a workbook titled "Fund Your Future" for students, which contained information about Federal financial aid, aid offered by the state, the financial responsibility incurred when one receives student

aid and a listing of some of the major financial aid programs such as the Federal Pell grants and Federal Stafford loans.

As the students ate their lunches, Evans explained that the two main types of scholarships SJSU offers are based on need and merit.

"There are over 900 different types of scholarships, and the main ones I am trying to push this year are the distinctive scholarships," Evans said.

Some students are not aware of how many scholarships are available each year, she said.

"That's a big problem. A lot of people feel that they don't have a chance to win a scholarship or that there aren't enough scholarships out there," said Edfrance Orjalo, a senior majoring in industrial technology.

Evans spoke about the importance of researching the people and organizations giving out the scholarships and used the Robert and Ellen Baron Leadership Award as an example.

"The Baron family was very active at San Jose State University, and they have contributed a ton of money to the campus, and they want somebody to emulate their own personal qualities," she said.

She imparted that students get to know their benefactors in order to better present themselves.

Students who attended the meeting

said they picked up some useful information as they head toward scholarship season, which begins in January.

"I have applied for scholarships before, but I think she really broke it down well for people who haven't, as far as the process goes," Orjalo said.

Freshman speech communication major Andrea Abendano was happy to increase her knowledge of campus geography as it could benefit her scholastic career.

"I learned more about where I can go on campus to look for scholarships, and I learned I could go to SJSU's scholarship Web site instead of just visiting sites like fastweb," she said.

Tran said the information she has used the most was the SJSU scholarship Web site information.

"I like that you can write five essays, and they cover the requirements for all 20 scholarships SJSU offers," she said.

Evans said the essay topics many scholarships include are focused on four areas — leadership, personal hardship, community service and higher education — but are not limited to those areas.

Junior Ken Seli said he used to believe in a scholarship mystique, where the only people who qualified for scholarships were smarter than him or did more activities than he did.

"Now I think it's something I could do," Seli said.

Child killed, mother wounded in shooting outside Missouri school

LIBERTY, Mo. (AP) — A man waiting in a parking lot outside his son's school shot the fourth-grader to death and wounded the boy's mother Thursday after a domestic dispute, police said.

The shootings happened around 12:30 p.m. as the woman was picking up the boy at St. James Catholic School, which serves 322 students in kindergarten through eighth grade.

Police Lt. Mark Misenhelter said the gunman was the child's father. He said the suspect had argued with the boy's mother earlier in the day, though their relationship was not immediately clear.

The man was arrested about an hour later at a liquor store in Kansas City, 20 miles away. Kansas City

police spokesman Tony Sanders said police got a tip the man had said he was trying to get out of town because he had just shot someone.

Jaswinder Singh, 41, was charged Thursday night with murder, assault and armed criminal action, a Clay County dispatcher said. Singh was being held without bond.

The identities and ages of the victims were not provided. Police said the boy died at the scene. His mother underwent surgery and was expected to recover, police said.

The schoolchildren were taken to a nearby movie theater to await the arrival of their parents. Among the pupils was the boy's sister, who police say saw the shooting.

Ed Ludwig hurried to the theater to retrieve his 7-year-old granddaugh-

ter, a second-grader, after hearing about the shooting on television.

"I just rushed up here as fast as I could," he said. "I didn't even shut up the house."

Rebecca Summers, spokeswoman for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, said all students were accounted for and the school was locked down.

The students never play in the parking lot, Summers said, "so I can't imagine they saw this."

Former St. James student Ed Hughes said he doesn't have any children at the school, but he returned to help direct parents outside the theater.

"We're a very close-knit, very loving community," he said. "So I just had to see how I could help."

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"Most campuses in the CSU have the experience that students who apply relatively early are more likely to enroll if admitted," he said. "These new dates should accommodate the majority of eligible students."

President Robert Caret said the earlier application deadlines are part of necessary steps to curb enrollment.

"We have had the largest growth in the CSU system in the last two years," he said. "We don't know what we're going to be experiencing, and we've pushed the deadlines several weeks sooner than we have in the past to try to get people to apply quickly."

Caret said that as enrollment has increased at SJSU, state funding has not.

He also said there is a possibility that students will be accepted after the posted deadline if the projected number of applications is not met.

"We're only going to look at about 20,000 applicants," he said. "If 20,000 come in by those dates, those will be the 20,000 we look at. We just don't want to get into a situation where people think they are going to get in and we run out of space."

Brent attributed the increase in enrollment to the recent economic downturn.

"San Jose State is in a difficult situation regarding enrollment whether

it's good times or bad," he said. "When (economic) times are good, students leave the university and go out working. When times are bad, our enrollment tends to explode."

Should the growing enrollment issue not be solved by earlier application dates, Caret said that other measures, including removing lower division transfers and enforcing prerequisites, may need to be instituted.

According to Dorosz, the upcoming budgets will dictate what further action needs to be taken by the university.

"Should the budget projections improve, it is possible for SJSU to remain open beyond these deadline dates, especially in programs that are not already crowded," he said.

The overall effectiveness of implementing earlier application deadlines remains to be seen, said Caret.

"If you look at all the numbers we predict, it will have a fairly significant effect on the bottom line," he said. "Our numbers look like we will get back to a semi-normal enrollment next year, just with the new deadlines."

U.S. tries to head off immediate release of Colombian drug lord

TUNJA, Colombia (AP) — A former drug kingpin was freed late Thursday night after serving only half his sentence, despite U.S. effort to find evidence to support further charges — and possibly his extradition to the United States.

Gilberto Rodriguez Orejuela, who with his brother Miguel once controlled the Cali drug cartel, an empire that moved multi-ton shipments of cocaine across the globe, walked out of prison shortly after 10 p.m.

Rodriguez, who was arrested in 1995 and sentenced to prison until 2010, was ordered released by Judge Pedro Suarez last week for good behavior and participation in a prison work study program. As the government investigated Suarez to see if the convicted drug trafficker might have bribed him — a charge that Suarez has denied — another judge upheld his decision on Thursday.

Tensions mounted throughout the day Thursday amid expectations that Rodriguez might be freed.

Dozens of police and soldiers had surrounded the prison where he was held, outside the town of Tunja 60 miles northeast of Bogota, to prevent any violence.

With the clock ticking, U.S. officials tried in vain to stop his release.

"Some documents have arrived from the United States that officials are evaluating, and that could stop the release," President Alvaro Uribe's spokesman, Ricardo Galan, told The Associated Press earlier Thursday.

Details on what information was being provided were not immediately available, but U.S. drug agents have been trying to link Rodriguez and his jailed brother Miguel to international crimes committed after 1997, when Colombia's constitution was revised to allow the extradition of its citizens.

Suarez's decision last week that the Rodriguez brothers should be freed

shocked the nation and prompted the president to intervene. But Judge Luz Amanda Moncada ruled Thursday that Suarez's order on Gilberto Rodriguez should stand. She also ordered an investigation of the government for allegedly interfering in the judicial process.

Interior and Justice Minister Fernando Londono called the ruling a "terrible blow."

"This is a moment of mourning and pain for the country's image and for the administration of justice in Colombia," Londono said, but nonetheless added that the administration would respect the decision.

Moncada also ruled that Miguel Rodriguez must remain in prison to serve an additional four-year sentence for a bribery charge, which reportedly stemmed from a 1996 attempt to buy his way out of prison.

The Cali drug cartel once controlled 80 percent of the world's cocaine trade. It became the world's most powerful drug gang after the demise of the Medellin cartel, whose leader Pablo Escobar was killed by police in December 1993.

While the Medellin cartel was ultra-violent, killing scores of police, judges, journalists and top government officials in bombings and by hit men in an attempt to force Colombia to bar extraditions, the Cali cartel ran the drug business more like a corporation — although one that did not hesitate to kill.

One of its victims was a crusading anti-drug journalist, Manuel de Dios Unanue, who was slain in New York in 1992.

The Cali cartel also tried to buy influence, contributing millions of dollars to the 1994 presidential election campaign of Ernesto Samper. The scandal soured relations with Washington after Samper won the presidency, and Washington revoked his U.S. visa.

Uribe, who was elected this year and is a strong U.S. ally, has been courting Washington for more aid to help fight "narco-terrorism" in Colombia, torn by a 38-year civil war fueled by drug money.

U.S. officials in Bogota criticized the rulings that put Gilberto Rodriguez on the brink of freedom.

"We really lament the decision," U.S. Embassy economic counselor Francisco Fernandez said in Bogota Thursday. "But we understand that ... the government did everything possible to try and avoid this."

Authorities believe that all the top leaders of the Cali cartel have been jailed or killed, yet remnants of the drug operation still exist in Cali, Colombia's third-largest city, 185 miles southwest of Bogota.

U.S. authorities believe William Rodriguez, the son of Miguel Rodriguez, may be one of the new drug leaders in Cali. In August, the United States requested the extradition of the 37-year-old lawyer.

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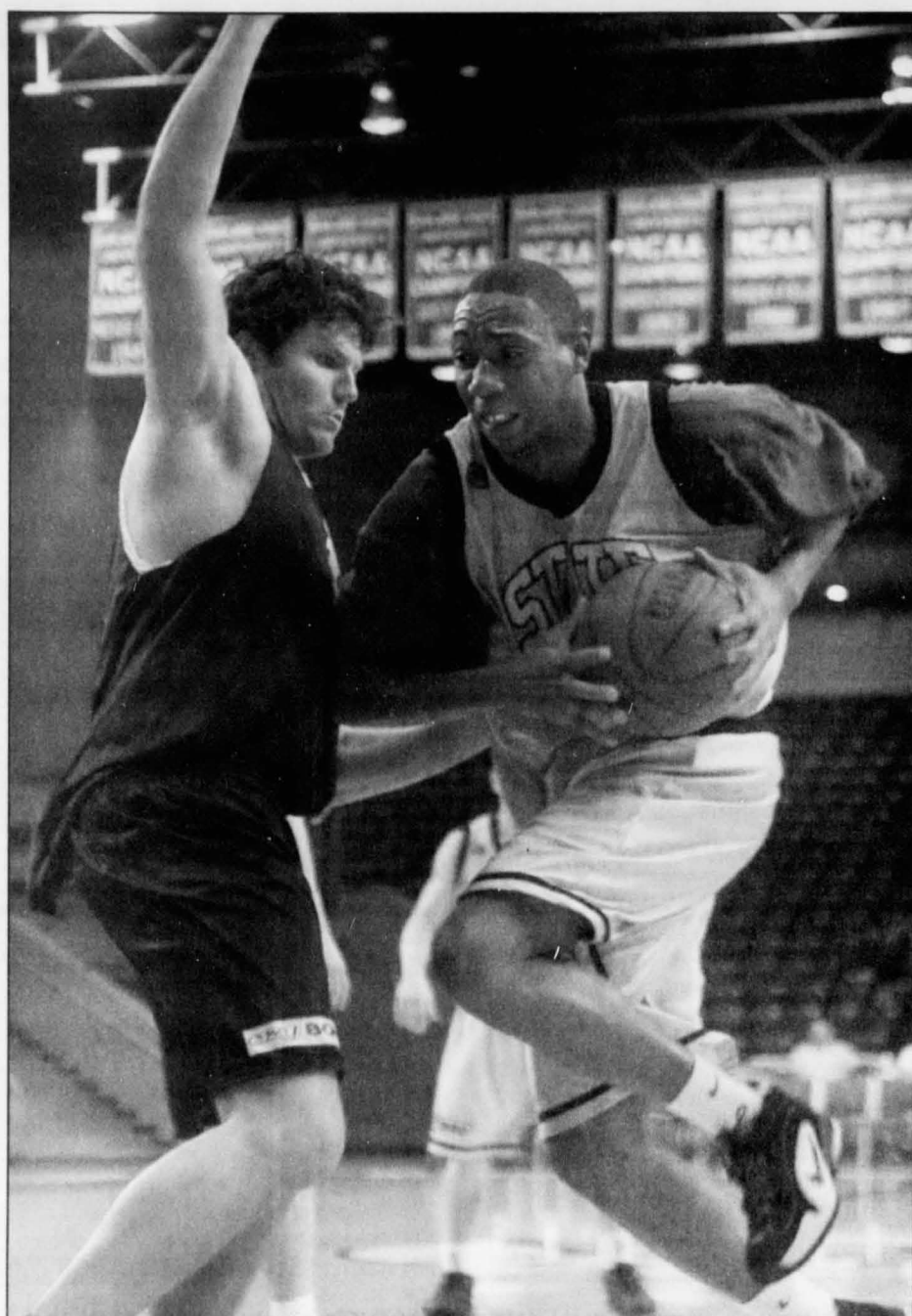
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San Jose State University forward Oudie Baker drives to the hoop during the second half of Thursday's exhibition game against Eazy Bond. Eazy Bond won the game, 98-82. The Spartans have one more exhibition game — a 2 p.m. Nov. 16 date against the Gearhog All-Stars in Spartan Gym — before tipping off the regular season on Nov. 23 at Washington State University.

Los Angeles continues rough start

BOSTON (AP) — Kobe Bryant heard the "Beat L.A." chants bouncing around the FleetCenter and knew he was involved in something special.

"I told Paul (Pierce) it was just like the old days," Bryant said. "It felt like we were part of history. The old days of Larry and Magic. But that leprechaun is still walking around the rafters."

Pierce scored 28 points, including a 3-pointer with 1:54 left in overtime that gave the Celtics the lead for good Thursday night as Boston beat the depleted Los Angeles Lakers 98-95.

Bryant had 41 points on an inconsistent night in which he shot just 4-of-15 in the first half, scored 18 in the third quarter and then missed 10 consecutive field-goal attempts down the stretch. He was 17-for-47 from the field overall, and 0-for-8 from 3-point range.

"I haven't seen anybody shoot 47 shots before, ever. There's a limitation to what you can do," Lakers

coach Phil Jackson said. "I was telling the team, 'He carried us back into the game. Now stop going to the well. It can dry up.'"

Tony Delk scored 26 for Boston, making a pair of free throws with 9.3 seconds left to make it 98-95. Bryant's 3-point attempt to tie it with 1 second remaining bounced off the front of the rim.

Playing without Shaquille O'Neal and Rick Fox and coming off their lowest-scoring game in four decades, the Lakers (2-4) had just 35 points

at halftime. But Bryant was hot in the third quarter, scoring eight in a row as Los Angeles rallied from a 50-35 halftime deficit to take the lead.

But that's when he started missing again, thanks in part to Pierce's defense.

"You can't let him go out there and get an easy 41. He scored 41, but he had to take 47 shots," Pierce said. "He's their best player. He has to carry most of the load because Shaq is not out there."

... SAVE FENWAY

Prying sports from the closet

Sport: It the sanctity of man, the religion we follow and the events we schedule our lives around.

For most of us, we played some sort of sport in grade school or in high school.

Football was for the stronger people who enjoyed knocking each other around.

Baseball was for the smart kids who knew the intricacies of the game.

And basketball was for the well conditioned, the ones with the soft shooter's touch and the speed of a bullet train.

The other sports had their groups too, but most of them served as off-season training for the aforementioned three.

The funny thing was about high school sports was the chatter in the locker room.

Most men talked about their girlfriends or some girl they wanted to ask out, or the girl who had pretty much dated everyone on the team.

But that wasn't all that was circulating.

Rumors about people being gay, the thought of another man staring at you while you undressed — these were the not-so-cool discussions.

Even the coaches played off of it in practice when he called some players "pansies" and "fairies" if they didn't put forth their maximum effort.

To my knowledge we didn't have a gay person on our football team, but I can't help but wonder if sports — in this case the coach and his antics, the clowning around in the locker room and stereotypes of football players going out with cheerleaders — hasn't reinforced the negative stereotype about gays.

It's inevitable, on a football field there is a lot of testosterone being exerted.

Men throwing others around, some screaming and others fighting nagging injuries just to play another down of football. But what if there were a gay man doing the same type of things?

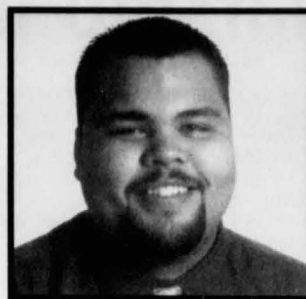
In fact, what if an openly gay man were to line up across from you?

Would you not play as hard?

Would you think you'd have an easier time simply because he is gay?

Would you play harder because you hate gays and think they are damned to hell and it is your place to take out all of man's frustration on each down as his body collides with yours?

For some high schoolers, they'll graduate without ever knowing if they had played against gay players, but for



BEN AGUIRRE JR.

some current and retired NFL players, playing against a gay man has become a reality.

Last week, ESPN magazine had an article on Esera Tualo, a former NFL lineman who has outted himself, two years after retiring.

It's a refreshing story of a Samoan man from Hawaii who lives with his life partner and their two children. Yes, they have children. Adopted children.

He talks about living as a gay man in the NFL, having to hide his sexuality and often doing things he would not necessarily do just to deter his teammates from finding out.

The great thing about this piece finally running is that it opens the Pandora's box that no one ever wanted to open: Are there actually gays playing professional sports?

You're damn right there are and they are no different than the other players.

Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, people of all ages: Your hero could be gay.

You might remember reports from earlier this year about New York Mets catcher Mike Piazza being gay.

For nearly a month, the media swarmed Piazza, badgering him about his sexuality.

"Mike, we're hearing rumors that

you are gay ..." a reporter would ask. "I am absolutely not gay," Piazza responded.

OK, so the debate about Piazza's sexuality has faded and now the hot topic is Tualo.

So what if he is gay? He just broke about 99.9 percent of your stereotypes you had about gay men.

They're weak.

They hate sports.

They can't compete at high levels in anything.

That's all crap.

Tualo is close to 300 pounds, played nine years of professional football and always loved sports and even played in the Super Bowl.

He is proof that gays — aside from their sexual preference — are no different than anyone else.

Some men like to think that sports is something exclusive to them, something that is sacred that can't be tarnished by anything else happening in the world.

Well, guess what, the world is changing, homosexuality is becoming more popular and it is becoming more understood.

Did you really think there weren't any gays in sports?

Dave Kopay, a former NFL running back, came out of the closet almost 30 years ago.

Greg Louganis, an Olympic diver, came out in the early 90s.

And now we have Esera Tualo doing it too.

It was only a matter of time before someone in professional sports came out and it probably won't be long before another one does the same.

I wonder how their high school coaches are feeling now.

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American said to be among six al-Qaida members killed in rocket attack in Yemen

SANA, Yemen (AP) — An American was believed to be among the six militants killed in a CIA missile strike this weekend, a security source said Thursday.

The six men, including Qaed Salim Sinan al-Harethi, al-Qaida's top man in Yemen, were killed Sunday when a Hellfire missile fired from a pilotless CIA spy plane destroyed the car they were riding in.

The source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the other five were known by their aliases — Saleh Abu Hamam, Al-Qia'gaa, Abu Jirah, Mounir and Jalal, also known as Ahmed Hijazi. Jalal is believed to be a U.S. citizen, according to the source. He provided no other details and did not say how authorities came to establish that Jalal was American.

Authorities were trying to establish the men's real identities, the source told The Associated Press.

He said al-Harethi, who was in his mid-40s, first met al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden in the 1980s during the war against Soviet occupation in Afghanistan. The two men stayed in

contact after the war ended and met again in Sudan, where bin Laden went to in the 1990s, the source said.

Al-Harethi was believed to have coordinated the October 2000 attack on the USS Cole in Aden, which killed 17 U.S. sailors.

A Yemeni newspaper, September 26, reported that al-Harethi plotted last month's attack on the French tanker Limburg off Yemen, which left a Bulgarian crew member dead and 90,000 barrels of oil discharged in the Gulf of Aden. The newspaper did not cite sources.

The newspaper, whose editor-in-chief is President Ali Abdullah Saleh's press secretary, also reported that al-Harethi was responsible for several terror attacks in Yemen and was planning more attacks on Western targets in Yemen.

On Wednesday, the U.S. Embassy in the capital Sana'a closed for security reasons and protection of the building was increased. There were fears that the CIA involvement in the attack could create a backlash in a country where Islamic militants have operated freely in

the past and most oppose U.S. policies toward Iraq and the perceived American bias toward Israel in its conflict with the Palestinians.

The strike on al-Harethi, conducted under a wide-ranging directive by President Bush allowing the CIA to pursue al-Qaida operatives worldwide, has raised concerns in the human-rights community.

An Amnesty International spokesman in Washington said Thursday that the U.S. attack violates international treaties prohibiting summary executions done without the due process of law. Bush administration officials have said it was a legitimate wartime operation against a known enemy.

The CIA has declined comment on the strike, and on Thursday, an agency spokesman declined to answer specific questions whether an American was killed.

Yemen's cooperation with U.S. authorities in the war against terror is a sensitive issue in this Arab country, where al-Qaida is active and is the ancestral homeland of bin Laden.

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around, that despite all the effort it is an unnecessary program," Tran said. "If this does not go through because of stuff like that, there will be two years flushed down the drain."

One student who helped pass out information said she was trying to blend her need for volunteering hours with her interest in the program.

"Too many students think only of where the money is going," she said. "People should be voting to have a say on the things addressed in this issue. There would be a fee increase, but they need to realize that right now there are not enough funds."

Several people said they did not support Measure V because they felt the additional fees would be used toward activities that are neither needed nor guaranteed for the benefit of students.

Cromwell Pasion, a freshman with an undeclared major, said he waited to vote until he had a better idea of what the decision would represent.

"I heard some people were misinformed, but I knew all about what Measure V is," he said. "I just hope it does not pass."

Brendan Best, a political science senior, said voting should be important, even though some people may not take it seriously.

"Personally, this measure seems to me a completely cosmetic idea, and voting is the only way I can let them know how I feel about it," he said. "It is up for each person to do what they feel is right. If they don't think voting is important, it is not up to me to judge them."

Parking, class size affected by increase

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the students more than faculty because they won't graduate (on time). I think it will lead to more student discontent.

In addition to fewer classes and larger class sizes, more cars are around as a result of high enrollment, said Capt. Marianne Alvarez, support services division commander of the University Police Department. She said there was increased traffic, especially around South Campus.

"I definitely think the increase in enrollment increases cars on South Campus," Alvarez said. "We've never filled the muni parking lot, behind the ice rink, and we did last semester."

Possible measures to control enrollment, according to Caret, include restricting graduate program admissions, bumping up admission deadlines and going through the process of impacting majors to persuade students to be more specific in their class choices.

"We're going to have to guide growth," Caret said.

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ethics writer Richard Scheinin was the moderator, and Provost Marshall Goodman provided the opening introductions.

"I am glad to see the title: 'Is anyone out there?'" he said, "and hear that question aimed at extraterrestrial intelligence and not at (SJSU's) administration."

Among the issues discussed in the forum was whether there was sufficient scientific data proving the existence of extraterrestrial life.

All three panelists agreed that there are no scientific data proving that right now.

"We're not sure if there is any life anywhere. There is no proof of biology anywhere else except on Earth," Shostak said.

However, he added, the first thing we would want to know if we come across any new civilization is would they have a religion. If so, Shostak said, would there be any proselytizing by either party.

"Maybe these have transpired elsewhere already," Shostak said.

He also said there are three things that might happen within this century — extraterrestrial intelligence detection, the re-engineering of our biology and machine intelligence.

Shermer, the "skeptic" of the three, said that humans are pattern-seeking animals, and there should be a skeptical balance in the search for extraterrestrial intelligence.

"Any sufficiently advanced extraterrestrial intelligence is indistinguishable from God," he said.

He also called the search for extraterrestrial intelligence a secular theology.

"Science can evolve without any data," he said, and he suggested the search for extraterrestrial intelligence as a new, high cultural form of religion.

Peters, the theologian, said that if extraterrestrial intelligence exists, it would have a profound impact on religion.

"This would shatter our perception of things," he said.

He added that medieval theologians, Roman Catholics, evangelical Protestants and liberal Protestants would be open to the existence of extraterrestrial intelligence and would see that as an extension and manifestation of "God."

The Christian fundamentalists, on the other hand, would see extraterrestrial intelligence as Satan's ploy to confuse people about the true source of salvation, Peters said.

Both Shermer and Peters agreed that

science is a tool to help humans further understand or verify the "phenomenon" of extraterrestrial intelligence.

Scheinin, the religion and ethics writer, moderated a panel discussion. He then opened up a question-and-answer session with the audience.

Undeclared freshman Angela Firpo said the panelists had good opinions.

"But they all seemed to be saying kind of the same thing, that there is no actual information either way whether there is (extraterrestrial) intelligent life or not," she said.

Ken Nowak, who obtained a master's degree in mathematics and is currently taking physics classes at SJSU, said it was nice that the panelists seemed to have different views on the subject.

He added that he doesn't think the gap between religion and science will ever close.

"There are fanatical people who aren't willing to question and wonder. In academia and in universities like this, they have the freedom and ability to look at science and religion and find their own balance. To me that is the key, finding your own balance," he said.

All three panelists said they do not get invited to speak on this topic very often.

Shostak said it was the second time he has been asked to speak on theology and extraterrestrial intelligence.

"Obviously, there are many people in the public who don't understand what the search for extraterrestrial intelligence is about. We now know that planets are very common, but intelligent life will be rare," he said. "On the basis of historical precedent, I am a little more optimistic than that."

Theologian Peters said he has been asked to speak about this topic before but not recently.

"People were more interested in it in the 1970s than they are now," he said. "People think that religion is vulnerable to being destroyed with new revelations about extraterrestrial life," he said. "I think these religious beliefs are strong and firm and would probably even welcome contact with extraterrestrial life and are not subject to shattering."

Shermer, however, said this is the first time he was asked to speak on the subject.

"I think it's a great subject, it is exploring some of the deepest issues of science and theology," he said.

He added that the idea of if one believes in extraterrestrial or not, is a misnomer. It should not be treated as a belief, he said, because either they are there or they are not.

"Since we have no data, the psychology of a belief kicks in and determines whether you are sort of on one side or the other on that issue as due to your personality," he said.

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